Kavanassery Irrigation Dam.

230 * **MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Will the Government be pleased to state why the Kavanassery Irrigation Dam at Kizhivalam pakuthi, Chirayinkil taluk is left unfinished and whether they are aware that about 70 acres of paddy land continue to be materially affected by the delay in the execution of this work?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The anicut proper is completed and the finishing works are expected to be completed in a week's time.

The completion of the work will benefit the 41 acres of ayacut.

Minor Irrigation tanks in Nedumangad taluk.

231 * **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any list has been prepared of the Minor Irrigation tanks of the Nedumangad taluk that stand in need of restoration; and

(*b*) the amount allotted for improvement of the irrigation tanks in 1118 and 1119, the amount actually spent in 1118 and that which is spent so far in 1119, and the amount that has lapsed in 1118?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) Amount allotted in 1118 — Rs. 504
Do. in 1119 — Rs. 1,617
(ii) Amount spent in 1118 — Rs. 503-16-0
Do. in 1119 — Accounts not completed.
(iii) Amount lapsed in 1118 — Re. 1-12-0.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member the number of tanks in the taluk that require restoration?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About 200.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know how many tanks were restored in 1119?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I have not got the information.

Supply of water at Sabarimala.

232 * **MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the supply of water was not very inadequate at Sabarimala during the last Makaravilakku;

(*b*) whether the Kumpallom thodu, across which the dam is constructed to ensure the supply of water does not run dry during that season;

(*c*) whether proper arrangements cannot be made to store and supply water from the Kallar river east of the temple; and

(*d*) whether the Government have any plan for the proper supply of water for the future?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not usually; but only in exceptional years in which there is no rain in Dhanu.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) None at present.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: In regard to part (c) of the question *i. e.*, whether proper arrangements cannot be made to store and supply water from the Kallar river east of the temple, the answer given is 'No.' May I know the reason?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Preliminary investigations were conducted and the cost was found to be prohibitive. Therefore the idea was dropped.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: The answer to the next part is 'None at present.' May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the necessity is very urgent at Sabarimala?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: In normal conditions there will be no scarcity of water. In particular years there may be scarcity.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: But can we not remedy the affair permanently?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Even if a scheme is started now, it will be impossible to get the materials to do any work at this time.

Workmen's Compensation.

233 * MR. XAVIER VINCENT: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is inordinate delay in assessing and awarding workmen's compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act;

(*b*) whether the Travancore Chamber of Commerce, Alleppey and the Travancore Trade Union Congress have sent representations to the Government about the matter; and

(*c*) what action has been taken thereon?

MR. E. I. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) There has been some delay.

(*b*) A representation was received from the Travancore Chamber of Commerce.

(*c*) Arrangements have been made to avoid delay as far as possible.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalai*): May I know from the honourable member what arrangements have been made?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: There was some inevitable delay in awarding compensation to the claimants, and this caused some hardship to the dependants of the deceased. So a proposal was made by me that the compensation that may be required for the purpose may be invested in the Anchal Savings Bank pledged to the Commissioner for Workmens'

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